# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1135
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COMPENSATION TO RAIL ACCIDEDNT VICTIMS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) the cases of compensation of Rail accidents settled by the Government during the last one year and the amount paid as compensation;

(b) whether the Government propose to enhance the ex-gratia payment to accident victims in all the categories;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken to reduce the time taken by the Government to extend medical assistance on long-term basis to accident victims;

(e) whether the Government propose to frame norms for compensating each accident victims; and

(f) if so, the facts thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) 645 cases of compensation in Rail accidents were settled and an amount of Rs.10.96 crores was paid as compensation during 1999-2000.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) A statement is attached.

(e) & (f) Under the Railway Accidents and Untoward Incidents (Compensation)Amendment Rules, 1997, norms have already been fixed for paying uniform scale of compensation to each accident victim as under:-

(i) Rs.4 lakhs for death and permanent disability.

(ii) Rs.32,000/- to Rs.3,60,000/- depending upon the gravity of the injury.

Statement referred to in reply to part (d) of the Unstarred Question No. 1135 by Shri A. Brahmanaiah tobe answered in Lok Sabha on 1.3.2001 regarding compensation to Rail accident victims.

(d) Top priority is given to rush the medical teams to the accident site and to extend medical assistance to the victims. Besides, existing Accident Relief Medical Equipments, seven self propelled ARMEs of very high speed and equipped with modern gadgets are available and three more are under manufacture. These are kept in proper preparedness by conducting mock drills and trial runs. A database of non-railway medical facilities in the vicinity of Railway tracks has been compiled and is made available at various places which will enable the Railways to seek the help of such organisations in emergencies at the time of need even before the arrival of Railway Rescue and Relief Teams particularly when the accident site is located away from Railway Medical Establishments or when the same is inaccessible for any reason. The data includes name of the in-charges, the facilities available, approximate distance from the railway tracks, the phone number, fax number, etc. This data is being constantly updated duly incorporating changes if any in telephone numbers or any addition or deletion of the facilities, etc. Instructions exist that such facilities are to be contacted simultaneously on priority while rushing the medical teams so that rescue can be rendered without losing precious time to save lives and limbs.